the toll gate at Kuzhithura, I am not aware how many lives were lost there. I am not aware of a single case of loss of life at the Kuzhithura toll gate during the last three and a half years. However, if you have known any such incident, I trust you will bring it to the notice of Government.

I shall have the question of a satrom for Kuzhithura enquired into.

I shall also have due attention paid to your suggestion for the transmutation of courts and schools so as to suit the better convenience of the people of Kuzhithura.

The question of the transfer of the Killiyur and Kizhkulam pakuthies to the jurisdiction of the Magistrate's court at Kuzhithura will be taken up in connection with the general question of redistribution of jurisdictions.

I shall have the Director of Public Instruction enquire into the state of the vernacular school for boys, Vilavankod.

I shall also have an investigation made as to the desirability or feasibility of improving instruction in Tamil in the schools in the Vilavancod taluk.

103. Needs of the Karunagapally taluk, Group II.

MR. K. VELAYUDHAN PANICKAN (*Member, Karunagapally taluk, Group II*) said that the works on the Alumpidika-Sri Mula Madhavapuram market road had not yet been completed. As a result of representations in the Assembly about the construction of the road, the immediate opening of the second and third sections of it was sanctioned by Government and the second section, namely, from Ochira to Alumpidika, was practically completed. But some culverts and bridges still remained to be constructed, while for the third section absolutely no work was done yet. For the construction of this portion of the road the shallow lagoon on the way should be raised and an embankment constructed. This would also serve to keep off salt water from the paddy fields on either side of the road. The local public had already submitted several representations to Government for putting up an embankment at this place, but nothing was done in the matter.

A road should be opened from Vallikavu to Vavakadu, as also a road from Kayancolam to Govindamuttom and another *via* Krishnapuram to the backwater side.

Encroachments on all village roads and lanes in the taluk should be removed.

Arrangements should be made immediately for supplying good drinking water to the people of Azheekal. There were about 500 families and 5,000 people in the place. As for public institutions there were three or four primary schools, a public market, two temples, a Roman Catholic church and a P. W. D. camp-shed. In a place with so many inhabitants and so many public institutions the supply of fresh water was almost nil. The matter was brought to the notice of Government on several occasions, and the Executive Engineer, Quilon, once prepared

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a scheme for the supply of water for the place. Some such scheme suitable to the place might be worked out in due course. In the meanwhile the immediate requirements of the people could be met by sinking wells on either side of the proposed Ochira-Srimulamadhavapuram market road, and by making arrangements for taking water from these wells in barrels to reservoirs at the end of the road, from which the people could draw the necessary water.

The following steps should be taken for keeping sanitation in the Ochira temple premises during Ochira kali and the Thrikarthika utsavam :—

(*a*) the tanks and wells in the temple premises should be drained and cleaned and arrangements should be made for keeping them clean ;

(*b*) general sanitary arrangements should be made during the festivals ;

(*c*) lepers and other disease-stricken persons should be kept off from the temple premises ;

(*d*) the Dewan Peishkar should be instructed not to issue licenses to shop keepers to open shops in the midst of the *Bhajanakudils*.

The transfer of the Munsiff's court from Krishnapuram to Kayancolam had caused great inconvenience to the people. In future when Government made any redistribution of the territorial jurisdiction of courts they should consider this fact also.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. K. Velayudha Panikkan, as regards the roads that you dealt with in your representation, they will have to await consideration until the constitution of the Road Board.

With reference to the restoration of tanks, I shall ask the Chief Engineer to take necessary steps for their repair as early as possible.

I have heard that there is water scarcity at Azhikkal and I shall ask the Dewan Peishkar and the Chief Engineer to go and inspect the place and see what can be done in the matter.

The other matters that you made mention of in your representation will be enquired into and what is possible will be done.

104. Needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

MR. K. G. THOMAS (*Member, Mavelikara taluk*) dealt with the following needs of the Mavelikara taluk :—

A bridge should be constructed at the place called Kollakadavu. There was a boat and a junghar at the place now. But in the rainy season the boat and the junghar could come only as far as 10 feet away from the river bank. People had therefore to wade through the water for this distance. This had proved very dangerous. Two or three lives were lost here every year. Several motor cars had also had accidents in crossing the river at this place. Such dangers could be averted only by the provision of a bridge.

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